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NEVER imagine life can stop surprising you . . . For me, just whenever I get to that point, something astonishing always crops up: I may be thinking, here I am on the same old Merry-Go-Round, when the Hurdy-Gurdy Music suddenly changes, I fall off my Hobby-Horse and am swept off to another part of the glittering Fair. (Yes, of course, you realize that I am in a happy mood and that the sun is sparkling outside my London window. The sun will go in . . .)

I know very well that life has its own Tunnels of Terror, that it is easy to feel oneself one of the Aunt Sallies for its slings and arrows, that its Shooting Galleries are often much too active, that there are times when its Swings don't always make up for its Roundabouts, but it is a vigorous, thorough-paced Show and good for the people who know how to spend their "Money" on the right Attractions.

One of the odder things that has surprised me lately, is the number of people who have, in talk with me, stressed the value of free will *and* our *responsibility* in having it. More and more, it seems to me, people are not willing to jolly about saying "I couldn't *help* it!" I am talking about people who *are* people . . . And, taking this attitude, they take also a bracing attitude to crime and suggest that criminals *needn't* be criminals unless they choose to be.

Inclined as I am—conditioned perhaps by the years in which I have lived, to "make excuses" for people—I am beginning to think that the "excuses" are often not very helpful to them or to me. We all need forgiveness—that's a different one!—but we don't look much like human beings if we can't "help" anything we do.

Then we might just as well be robots.

Or, back to the Fairground, Punch and Judy figures being worked by "Fate" . . . and, as far as I remember, both those characters came to a bad end: one being murdered and one hanged!

If there isn't a moral in all this, there ought to be: and going by the new rule, if there isn't it must be *my* fault and *not* the fault of the way I was brought up, or the way my great-great-grandfather drank too much port (*if* he did!), or due to the fact that nobody ever "understood" me when I was young and green. (I am *sure* they understood me—and the vivid colour!—well enough.) But if you *like* this number, don't "blame" me: many contributions helped to make it. **Editor: BARBARA VISE**



SPECIAL REPORTER

JOYCE GREEN

SUMS UP TWO IMPORTANT DAYS
IN THESE FOUR PACKED PAGES

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BRILLIANT spring sunshine welcomed Toc H Women's Association Central Councillors to Tower Hill on the afternoon of Saturday, March 11. An inspiring service in All Hallows prepared us for the 35th annual meeting of the Central Council, held at Sir John Cass College, Jewry Street, London, E.C.3, with Mrs. Gwen Prior as chairman.

After Miss Macfie had taken 'Light' a welcome was given to two Vice-Presidents, Lady Clayton and Mrs. Ellison, and other invited guests. Later we were pleased to welcome Tubby and Bishop Crask, ex-Bishop of Gibraltar.

Arising from the previous Council meeting, further reports on publicity were given. Sound broadcast programmes had included Toc H activities, especially at regional levels, and Marjorie Davis told of the Western Region's "What's On" programme to which local Branches could send information of their activities. Barbara Vise, Editor of THE LOG and Press Officer for the 1960 Festival, stressed the value of publicity for the Movement. The Blankets for Britain scheme in connection with the Festival had been very successful and had achieved good publicity around the country. While the National Festival had provided a 'peg' for publicizing the Association, this could be done equally well for local Festivals and Rallies, and anyone planning such events should pass the information on to their local newspapers and television programmes.

The appointments of Miss Hope as Treasurer and Miss Fowler as General Secretary were warmly confirmed by the Council. Gwen Prior expressed our thanks to Rita Fowler for her work, both within the Movement and in representing us on outside organizations.

In presenting the Annual Report, Miss Fowler said that in summing up last year's work, we should also remember the unspectacular happenings; the quiet unfolding of individuals, which is the real triumph of our Movement. Though this cannot easily be reported it is something we must never overlook and we thank God that Toc H continues to be thus used. We had said goodbye

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

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to Marianne Turner and Erica Trevelyan Lee on their retirement from the staff; we were pleased to welcome a new staff member in Molly Oxenford of Broadwater Branch. Rita reminded us that the building of the Movement must be underpinned by good sponsorship, and this can be helped by spreading information through the written word, using *The Further History* by Miss Macfie, THE LOG and Regional News Sheets.

Miss Macfie then drew Councillors' attention to the Albemarle Report and the great need to study and interest ourselves in young people. She suggested that the Branch Pilot or Jobbie might be asked to study the Report and then lead members in discussion and action in connection with some kind of youth work. This would be building work for the future.

Miss Hope presented the Accounts and pointed out that they were meant to be a guide as to how we are measuring up to the job in hand. Attention was drawn to the fact that a profit had been made, but this was due to shortage of staff and we had been living on the goodwill and the slack of previous years. We are an association of builders and must bring to this building our time, money and faith. Jean Perry followed this, and while applauding the energy put into Refugee Year appeals and the Festival, said we should now be spurred on to increase our own funds. Jean offered a target in that the estimated figures for the year are £16,000 and with a membership of 8,000 we need an *average* income of £2 per head of membership *from all sources*. Rather than place this figure at every member's door, she felt it should be approached from Area level, asking the Area teams to encourage the money coming in to meet this target. The number of enrolled Builders had again increased, and Jean reminded us that the *minimum* subscription is 5/-, but most people can afford, and are willing to pay more if asked.

MRS. MARSHALL of Cleveland District put forward the motion that "Believing that a better relationship will exist between members and ex-members, this District proposes that

when a member resigns she be allowed to retain her badge and a letter of good wishes be sent to her." Prior to discussion, the chairman pointed out that a note is printed on the membership form stating that the badge should be returned on cessation of membership, and this was reiterated in an annual letter sent out by Mrs. Quennell. It was evident from what Councillors had to say, that much discussion had already arisen on this point in the Branches, particularly in connection with the question of who had paid for the badge in the first instance. Sometimes members buy their own, but in many instances the Branch gives the badge to a member on her initiation. On taking a vote, the motion was defeated.

THE next two items on the agenda had been put forward by the Central Executive on the quality of membership. Frances Beeton, Regional Secretary based on Scotland, spoke on "The Rhythm of Branch Life—Joy in Quiet and Joy in Activity". Frances said that both these ingredients were of great importance in life and we should be able to encourage fun and games and doing new things, which are as equally valuable as some of the more serious things we do. People can catch Toc H through being with us in something we enjoy doing, as on the coach parties to Oberammergau last year. We can organize leisure for ourselves and let others share and enjoy the things we do.

MARY RUSHWORTH followed this by speaking on "The 'Family' nature of the Association", asking if our present administration (through Districts and Areas) was the best way of interpreting the Family idea today. The Branch is the basis of the family aspect of our Movement, though this does not necessarily mean coming together every time for a meeting. Mary left us with challenging questions to answer, and asked us to take these back for consideration by members during the next twelve months. Have District Teams and Area Councils had their day? Is it difficult to find people to serve on District Teams and Area Councils? Do the younger and newer members coming in to the Movement take an interest in the activities of the District Team, etc.? Can we easily find office bearers or is it a constant struggle? Is information from the District Team and Area Council made available to the Branches while it is hot news? Have we the voluntary leadership in the Movement today that we need?

AT 7 o'clock we gathered for a buffet supper at 42 Trinity Square, after which Tubby was given a warm 'welcome home' after his recent convalescence in a Malta hospital. He talked to us on many things particularly dear to his heart, and closed by leading Homegoing Prayers.

THE annual meeting was resumed at Sir John Cass College on Sunday morning, when the elections to the Central Executive Committee were announced. They are, Miss Helen Beeton, Mrs. Nora Bloxham, Miss Joan Chamberlain, Mrs. Yvette Frymann, Mrs. Barbara Green, Mrs. Amelia Lochtie, Miss Kathleen Owen, Miss Mary Rushworth, Mrs. Bruce Thurlow and Mrs. Ruby Wilson.

"That the Publications Committee be asked to consider the immediate need for a lively and attractive pamphlet which would be more appealing to potential recruits, particularly the younger ones" was put forward by Miss E. M. Fox, speaking on behalf of Bournemouth District. The District had given the matter much thought and put forward suggestions for a bright and attractive cover, striking headings; short, pithy writing that would be attractive to all ages; photographs and sketches to illustrate the life of the Movement, and personal anecdotes—How I Joined—Why I Stayed. To meet this they suggested that a national competition be launched among Branches for the most interesting pamphlet likely to aid recruitment.

Three Councillors put forward various suggestions for the time of the year and pattern for future Festivals for consideration by other Festival Committees.

FOR the Conference Session we were fortunate in having as speaker Mr. John Marsh (Director, Industrial Welfare Society). Mr. Marsh had the full attention of an alert audience, as one could tell from the spontaneous ripple of 'hear, hears' as he unfolded the problems of, and practical solutions to, "People—Work—Leisure". Mr. Marsh's enthusiasm was infectious, and his talk, illustrated by blackboard drawings, on the plan for a balance of life, provided a link with what had been said earlier in the weekend on the quality of life.

In the afternoon we were introduced by Elisabeth Worth, the Overseas Secretary, to some of our overseas members at present in this country, and heard about their work and aims.

"Life is what you are alive to", said Gwen Prior in her summing up, "and judging by the subjects we have looked at this week-end we are alive. But the system of communication needs looking at again." She reminded us that our concern is to make personal encounter and with the involvement and growth of individuals. Just as the early Christians were remarked upon for gaiety, courage and quiet minds, so we also need a running out and a spilling over of contagious joy.

**FOR BOOKS RECOMMENDED AT THE
CENTRAL COUNCIL, SEE PAGE 73**

3 Historical Events of 1961

WESTMINSTER ABBEY on the 15th March was the scene of a memorable event: a Service of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the Authorized Version of the Bible and of the Dedication of the New Testament of the New English Bible.

"The most valuable thing this world affords"

THE AUTHORIZED VERSION is one of the treasures which we have inherited, something that has influenced our laws, our politics and our social life. When the Queen is crowned, the Archbishop of Canterbury presents Her Majesty with a Bible, using the words, "the most valuable thing this world affords". At the informal Saturday evening session of the Toc H Women's Association Central Council week-end, the Founder Padre urged that the Bible should take a central place in our lives and a central position in our homes.

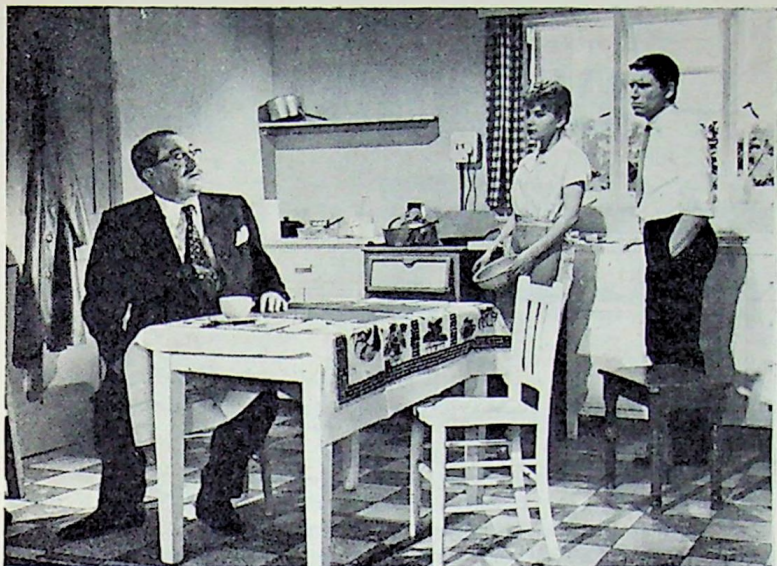
"The Bible demands to be understood"

Tuesday, 14th March, was a day to remember. THE NEW TESTAMENT OF THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE was published and appeared simultaneously in Britain and N. America, Australia and Africa, and throughout cities of Asia. This is the first occasion on which Protestant Church Authorities have collectively put in hand a completely new translation of the Bible from the original Greek and Hebrew. We now have, in contemporary English, as accurate a translation of the New Testament as modern scholarship makes possible. This work has taken panels of Biblical Scholars 13 years to prepare and the printing and binding has been a task of some magnitude for the University Presses of Oxford and Cambridge—230 tons of paper, with a total length of 3,000 miles! The binding process and storage of half a million copies for simultaneous world distribution strained the warehousing facilities to their limits.

In the words of Professor C. H. Dodd, General Director and Chairman of the Translating panel, "the Bible *demands* to be understood".

"That the world may believe"

This year sees the THIRD ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, to be held in New Delhi, India, from 18th November to 6th December, when the general theme will be "JESUS CHRIST—THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD". The Study booklet with this title (see page 73) gives suggestions as to how it can help local groups, such as our own Women's Association Branches, to use selective sections profitably and to play their part in this ecumenical movement of our time.



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Talking About Kitchens . . .

Reviewed by JOYCE GREEN

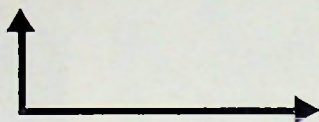
HOW much time does a woman spend in her kitchen? Whether as housewife and mother caring for a family, or as a bachelor girl entertaining her friends, a great deal of time is spent there preparing and cooking food, and laundering.

The latest addition to the Unilever Film Library gives us a closer look at the efficiency of kitchens. Made shortly before his death, the film brings Gilbert Harding into the kitchen of a young married couple and in his particularly forthright manner he shows them the wasted time and energy as the wife walks round the badly arranged kitchen from sink to cooker, cooker to table and table to cupboard.

Mr. Harding then explains how improvements can be made by good planning to give a continuous working surface. A rearranged council house kitchen; the kitchen of a modernized Victorian house and a new kitchen built to specification, show how the basic principles of planning can be applied to a variety of circumstances, making work easier and less tiring.

*"Talking About Kitchens" is in colour, with running time 17 minutes, and is available on free loan in 16mm and 35 mm from the Unilever Film Library, Unilever House, Blackfriars, London, E.C.4.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS



EVERY Branch (except those formed in the last few months) should hold its Annual General Meeting at the end of May or beginning of June.

REMEMBER

1. *Chairman, Secretary, Job Secretary and Pilot* each gives a report on the past year's work from her own angle. If preferred each can write her comments and pass the paper on to the next office-bearer, thus saving duplication of facts.
2. *Treasurer* produces her statement of income and expenditure (on the printed form supplied by Headquarters), audited by someone not a member of the Branch or her own family, and signed by herself. A large balance is not necessary unless some heavy expenditure (i.e., rent) is shortly expected. If this is so a note to this effect is helpful.
3. *Election of Office-bearer.* If there is more than one nomination for any office voting by ballot takes place. Only full members may vote. The *Pilot* is not *elected* and her appointment should be made by the Branch at a meeting other than the A.G.M. A probationer may hold office if particularly suitable.

IMPORTANT—Choose the best possible two members as your representatives on the District Team. They show the team the quality of your Branch and in turn can give responsible help to the team. They should be able to bring back accurate notes to the Branch and discuss these matters with you at a meeting.

In a new Branch one member may be chosen as permanent representative and the second place filled in turn by different members. This helps everyone to understand the value of a District Team.

—a REMINDER!

READ THIS—and then give yourself marks, good or bad, for how much you knew and how much of it you do!
Written by ERICA TREVELYAN
LEE it is taken from April 1960's
North and East Midlands News Letter

AFTER THE A.G.M.

4. *The Secretary* will:—
 - (a) send one copy of the reports mentioned in paragraph 1 to the District Secretary, and
 - (b) send two copies of the stencilled Report Form (issued by Headquarters) also to the District Secretary. Be sure all details are correctly completed, especially 'date of first being appointed to that office'.
 5. *The Treasurer* will file one balance sheet with her own records and will send the other two copies to the District Treasurer. *No copies should be sent to Headquarters.*
- N.B.—In the case of Joint Units, and women's Branches in Joint Districts, the balance sheets go straight to the Area Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED AT THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

THE NEW ENGLISH BIBLE—New Testament

(Library edition, 21/-; Popular edition, 8/6)

JESUS CHRIST "The Light of the World", is the theme for the World Council of Churches' Third Assembly at Delhi in 1961. The booklet would make a useful basis for Group Study. Price of single copies 3/-, but if 3 (or more) copies are ordered at one time the price will be reduced to 1/9 per copy (+9d. postage for 3). Obtainable from Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3.

Following Mr. John Marsh's talk on "PEOPLE—WORK—LEISURE" at the Central Council, Councillors and others may like to have details of the following books written by Mr. Marsh:

"PEOPLE AND WORK"—Essays and Commentaries	8/6
"WORK AND LEISURE"—Digest	7/6
"PARTNERS IN WORK RELATIONS"	5/-

All published by the Industrial Welfare Society, Robert Hyde House, 48 Bryanston Square, London, W.1, postage on each book, 6d.

"The Albemarle Report" obtainable from H.M. Stationery Office, P.O. Box No. 569, London, S.E.1. Price 6/- (plus 6d. postage).

A

good **JOB**

—at Home

DRAIN-PIPE trousers, 'winkle-picker' shoes, short tight skirts—how many of us conjure up a picture of these when hearing the word 'teenagers'. Yet, many of our young people do not dress in these, and those who do are not to be condemned. There are always the few whose behaviour hits the headlines, we do not hear quite so much of the achievements of the finer bunch in the spheres of religion, medicine, education, sport.

There are many young people in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire. This is one of the new towns. Once a country town of 20,000 inhabitants, its population is now 60,000 and on the way to a total of 80,000. A fine shopping centre has been provided, with a new super cinema, and the six new residential districts are equipped with churches, licensed premises and youth clubs. The Local Authorities are aware of the need for more entertainment for the younger generation.

The Toc H Branch (Women's Association) arranged a Teen-age Party. They were fortunate in finding an M.C. interested in youth. A Parish Hall was hired and a radiogram borrowed. The invitations were readily accepted. Fortunately, a group of young guitarists was available and they certainly secured success for the evening.

GREAT preparations had been made with refreshments and the decorating of the room, but these mattered little once the guitars started strumming. The party games and radiogram were not required—Rock 'n' Roll was the order of the day. The dancers thoroughly enjoyed themselves—a new group was initiated and Toc H had, in providing entertainment, also given the teenagers the opportunity to help Toc H financially.

Another party is being planned, and it is expected that this will be another successful evening, which will again help to swell Toc H funds.



—and Overseas

WE thought you might be interested in hearing about a job our Branch is doing in Salisbury. We have adopted an orphanage of African children, ages from two to sixteen years. We make clothes for them and visit them, taking gifts of toys and sweets with us. We gave them a party at Christmas-time when loads of ice-cream, minerals and cake disappeared with amazing rapidity. I enclose a photograph of the said party.

This orphanage had rather a remarkable beginning. An African teacher, the Rev. M. J. Rusike, at the Marshall Hartley School, adopted any orphan children (including children who had been deserted by their parents), who came his way, taking them into his home and keeping them at his own expense. In time his family grew too large and when he retired from teaching, he was given land and accommodation at Epworth Mission for his orphan children who now number 23.

Much undesirable publicity regarding race relations in Africa appears in newspapers overseas and in Rhodesia. As the Rev. Rusike said to us and we heartily agreed with him, we should not regard ourselves as white or black but rather as Rhodesians.

PEGGY CAMERON

(Branch Chairman, Salisbury)

OVERSEAS

By ELISABETH WORTH
Overseas Secretary

SOUTH AFRICA. For anyone looking for "themes" for Branch programmes, here are some which are being used in Branches in the *Transvaal*. "The Joy of Living"—"Let's Face it," (that is, the challenge of living in the present time). "Care of the Aged" and "Service to our Fellow Men". *Randfontein* Branch has presented a wheel chair to the West Rand Cripple Care Association in memory of Mrs. Maisie Orpen, a member of that Branch and chairman for some years of the South African Council. Northern *Transvaal* General Members held a very successful Training Afternoon on "Treating the Non-European as a Human Being."

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND writes of the good work they are able to do with a portable radiogram, giving recitals on records regularly once a month at three homes for old people. These concerts are popular, as are the visits which go with them, and the Branch plans to extend them to other homes if enough cars can be mustered for transport. Recently they had 200 records donated by the broadcasting service and were busy sorting and cataloguing them. They have also helped for some years with the library at Auckland Hospital. A few months ago a small lending library which was closing down offered them 1,000 books, half of which they accepted and were sorting, labelling and mending them to add to the library. These gifts seem to show the good standing of the Branch in that city.

KOWLOON, HONG KONG has succeeded in its appeal for funds with which to give the Warden of the Shatin Babies Home a visit home to England to see her elderly mother—her first visit for ten years. Their other work for the Home goes on as enthusiastically as ever. Part of the proceeds of a Jumble Sale were

put to an unusually thoughtful use—namely, Christmas presents for various people who work hard for other people and spend little on themselves—for example one of them lectures in a College to earn money with which she runs a school for poor children, and they all work for refugee or other helpless people. In addition to a long list of jobs, this Branch has found time to train another five probationers who have now taken up membership.

Reports from **BUENOS AIRES** and **NORTHERN SUBURBS** Branches in the **ARGENTINE** show a good deal of activity, physical and mental, and although they evidently do not believe in a “theme” for their programmes, nevertheless, they cover a lot of ground and a variety of interesting subjects. Headquarters is delighted to receive from one of their members some excellent coloured slides showing the beautiful city of Buenos Aires and some of the members employed on “jobs”. We are hoping to build up an interesting collection of such slides and would welcome them from all overseas countries.

People

All Branches are asked to note that this year People to People Week runs from November 19th—26th, 1961 and to forward or initiate local efforts for overseas people of all kinds during this special Week, which, it is hoped, will be observed all over the country. It is not too soon to begin planning for it. For financial reasons it may not be possible this year to get the very good national publicity of former years, which makes it more important than ever to encourage local interest.

To People Week

WOMEN SHOULD HAVE A BIGGER

'SAY'

ONE hundred years ago, out of a total of 95,000 office workers, a mere 2,000 were women. At the last census in 1951 there were over one and a quarter million women alone. This is the last available figure for office workers but it is certain that during the last 10 years it has increased enormously. Indeed it may not be far from the truth to say that of the most recently published figures for women wage earners of all kinds—8,272,000—about one-third are working in offices or at clerical work of some kind. But how big a say do they have in what those offices are like?

The British Lighting Council does not think that they have nearly enough judging from the condition of much office lighting today, for far too many women have to work long hours on eye-straining jobs with less light than they would ever tolerate at home.

Blame the lighting, not the typist.

There are no figures to prove it, but it is highly probable that a large percentage of the mistakes for which typists are blamed is the result of lighting which is very little better than that endured by those 2,000 women over one hundred years ago. Light from the wrong direction can, for instance, make it almost impossible to read pencilled shorthand notes quickly and accurately and too little light on the face of the typewriter makes it far harder to see errors.

The coming offices legislation will certainly take lighting into consideration but that will probably not be until 1962. That is a long time to wait when lighting can be revised now, and women can play a large part in this revision by drawing the attention of those concerned to what they ought to have for working at maximum efficiency.

To show what good lighting means, the British Lighting Council staged a small exhibition at their Lighting Demonstration Centre at Lancaster Place in London. A feature of it was a room with variable lighting in which anyone could choose the amount of light that they would like to have for really comfortable seeing. The exhibition is now over but the variable lighting room is to be kept indefinitely and everyone who does an office job is welcome to try the lighting there.



Reception rooms, even if not completely cut off from working areas, can have an atmosphere of their own and give scope for unusual lighting ideas. Here the back wall is lit from the sides, fluorescent lamps behind vertical slats below, from a luminous fluorescent panel attached to the table and, above, from more tubes behind louvres. The ceiling fitting is designed to throw light on to the wall above the seat, where there is a picture.

One man began it . . .

W. W. RUSSELL, one of the Trustees of The Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick, outlines the history of the Foundation about which Tubby spoke at Central Council this year and with which Toc H Women's Association all over the country is so closely in touch

MILLIONS of people in Britain remember Group Captain Leonard Cheshire simply as Cheshire, V.C., his country's great Bomber Pilot, the youngest Group Captain of his time. They can recite his decorations—three D.S.O's., a D.F.C., and the V.C.—they can quote from the citation that claimed his "reputation second to none in Bomber Command". They remember that it was his nerve that enabled him in war to perfect the most daring and efficient bombing technique ever achieved.

There are those who have been closer to him who remember the young playboy Leonard Cheshire, the youth with a passion for fast cars and gay living, who laughed his way through Oxford to a disappointing "Second" in his Law examinations. And there are today those hundreds of the old and young, the incurably ill in his Homes, who know of him as "G.C.", the man who has found a faith and an ideal of service, and in finding it for himself has given new hope, new comfort, new life to them.

This last is the Cheshire of today: this Cheshire who came back after being one of the only two British observers of the dropping of the Atom Bomb over Nagasaki (the other was the scientist Sir William Penney) firm in the belief that for himself, at least, there must be something he could do to help to build a new and better way of life from the ruins of the old.

Cheshire's first post-war venture was a short-lived, ill-starred attempt to establish colonies for communal living based on the better ideals of Service life. The experiment exhausted his finances but not his faith.

THEN he met a man who, rejected by hospitals because his case was hopeless and there was need of their facilities for those whom they might benefit, was all alone and dying of cancer. Cheshire took him to his own home, bathed him, clothed him, nursed him through the months till his death. It was the beginning of a crusade. Someone suggested that "that madman Cheshire, who's nursing the old bloke" might care also for a bedridden old woman who could not look after herself. He would; he did; and soon there were others, until the first of the "Cheshire Homes" was full.



*Staunton Harold Hall—this
country's largest Cheshire Home*

The inspiration flamed, and others, influenced by Cheshire's charm, caught some of its fire. There were volunteers to help him and soon the establishment of a Trust to care for that first Home while Cheshire opened others. Today there are in Britain nearly thirty such Homes where the incurably sick are loved and cared for. These Homes are not only in England but in Scotland. Wales and now a separate Trust has started in Southern Ireland.

Those of the patients who can afford to pay for their care do so but none are turned away. The Trust in England exists on charitable donations, on gifts in money, in kind and in premises. Even during the years in which Cheshire, stricken with tuberculosis, could not move himself from a hospital bed, the Movement grew. He has fired his generation with enthusiasm. Very few people who meet him can resist the demands he makes.

It has always been Leonard Cheshire's hope that his rather startling idea of caring for the incurably sick should not be confined to the British Isles but should spread all over the world where the need for such care is felt. He has no fixed plan as to where he should go. Providence has a knack of guiding him in the direction where his concept will do most good. His criterion is "what and where is the need?"

The first summons from abroad came to him from India. Today there are nine Homes in India spread all over the sub-Continent, the most northerly a beautiful place in the foothills

of the Himalayas at Dehra Dun, the most southerly not too far distant from Cape Comorin, the Home at Katpadi near Vellore in South India. There is an Indian Foundation and this Foundation is run very much on the lines of the Trust in England. There is, however, one big difference and that is that there is no National Health system in India which means that all the money required to support the Homes has to be raised by voluntary contributions. In England, once Homes have been started by charitable contributions, the County Medical Authorities make grants which are of considerable help to maintain patients in the Homes. This is the big difference between the Homes in the British Isles and those overseas and speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of people in India, Africa and elsewhere who have caught the Cheshire spirit. Moving south-eastwards from India there are now two Homes in Malaya, one in Singapore where there are no less than 40 beds—this Home was created largely by the R.A.F. at Changi in their spare time and weekends. Another Home has started at Johore.

IN Africa, where Margot Mason has been the pioneer, there is a flourishing Home for children at Ibadan the capital of the Western Region of Nigeria. Margot hopes during the course of this year to be able to start up Homes in the Eastern and the Northern Regions of Nigeria. There now is, of course, a Nigerian Foundation.

Only the other day Margot Mason was in another part of West Africa, Sierra Leone, which is due to become independent at the end of April, 1961. Sir Maurice and Lady Dorman, the Governor and his wife, have taken a great interest in the Homes, as their own home in Wiltshire is quite close to Greathouse.

They have given Margot the greatest help in starting up a Home in a place called Bo which is about a hundred miles from Freetown in a house which has been given to the Foundation by Sir Milton Marghi the Prime Minister of Sierra Leone who himself is a doctor.

Margot was showing the film at Government House to the Sierra Leone Cabinet with the Prime Minister Sir Milton Marghai sitting beside her. Sir Milton showed the greatest enthusiasm during the film and when the part came showing the children at Dorchester, the Home for mentally handicapped children, he turned to Margot Mason and said "You may have my own house at Bo and I could not possibly ask you for any money".

After this wonderful episode Margot Mason flew up in the private aircraft of the Diamond Corporation, who have been most helpful to her, with Lady Dorman, to see this house and by the time this article appears it will probably be a fully fledged Cheshire Home.

ANOTHER country where Margot Mason has pioneered and perhaps the most interesting of all is Jordan where she spent two months last year starting a Home in Bethlehem itself. This Home was visited recently by Group Captain Cheshire who had talks with the King of Jordan and his Ministers as a result of which a new building is to be put up at Amman which will be yet another Cheshire Home so there will be two in Jordan. The Matron at Bethlehem is Miss Ann Thomas who has been with the Cheshire organization for a considerable time, having been Matron at two of the Homes in England, Alne Hall in Yorkshire and Seven Rivers in Essex.

Mention must also be made of the work of Sue Ryder, whom Group Captain Cheshire married in 1959, and Sue Ryder's Forgotten Allies is a magnificent organization which looks after the many unhappy and unfortunate people who have been victims of Nazi concentration camps. She has a number of Homes in Germany and with great courage two years ago started Homes in Warsaw where there are now three Ryder-Cheshire Homes.

This remarkable family is growing all the time and having started from small beginnings it appears to be a healthy plant which is not only springing up, throwing roots all over the British Isles, but also in the British Commonwealth of Nations and surprisingly enough behind the Iron Curtain. All this really can be said to be the work of one man, Leonard Cheshire.

A group of residents at work in Le Court, another of the Cheshire Homes



From the Report for 1960-1 of the National Association of Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies . . .

HISTORICAL NOTES

THE first Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies were founded towards the close of the eighteenth century. They were born in a spirit of private benevolence and each was centered upon a city or country gaol from which it took its name. In those days local prisons were administered by the Justices and offenders were imprisoned at no great distance from their homes. By means of small cash grants and issues of clothing these early Societies ameliorated the lot of the great majority of prisoners who would otherwise have been launched upon society in a state of utter destitution. They also assisted them to return to their homes and, where possible, to regain employment.

This work was first recognized by the State in the Discharged Prisoners' Act, 1862, which empowered visiting Justices to grant certificates of approval to Aid Societies and to pay each such approved society a sum not exceeding £2 per prisoner to be applied towards his transport and employment.

From their inception these local Societies had been entirely independent of each other but following the passing of this Act a meeting of representatives was called in London on 11th February, 1863, by the Reformatory and Refuge Union. This led to the formation of a Central Committee and later of a Relief Committee under the presidency of the Earl of Shaftesbury which sought the establishment of Aid Societies throughout the country. In 1871 the first National Conference of Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies was held and regular consultation with the Prison Commissioners was initiated.

With the passing of the Prisons Act of 1877 responsibility for local prisons passed from the visiting Justices to the Prison Commissioners and the power to grant "Certificates of Efficiency" to Aid Societies was vested in the Secretary of State. Treasury assistance was made available in a series of complicated formulae which by 1931 emerged as a flat rate grant of two shillings per head, subject to the collection of voluntary contributions of an amount equal to at least one quarter of the grant. In addition, from time to time, emergency grants in the region of £1,500 were allocated amongst Societies in special need.

In 1918 the Central Committee had broken away from its foster parent, the Reformatory and Refuge Union, to become established as the Central Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, empowered by its constitution to act directly as an Aid Society in special cases. The first President of the Society was Sir Evelyn Ruggles-Brise, Chairman of the Prison Commission from 1895 to 1921.

In 1932 a Departmental Committee was appointed, with Major (later Sir) Isidore Salmon, C.B.E., as Chairman, to review the methods of employing prisoners and of assisting them to find employment on discharge. This Committee recommended a reorganization of Aid Societies on the basis of committal areas and the setting up of a National Council. The Aid Societies strongly opposed these recommendations and under the Chairman of their own Central Society, the late Mr. Francis P. Whitbread, M.P., set up a Committee from within their membership to examine the position and to recommend any reforms considered necessary. "Aid on Discharge" (the Report of this Committee) published in 1936 and known as the Whitbread Report was unanimously accepted by the local Societies and endorsed by the Prison Commissioners and the recommendations of the Departmental Committee, so far as they concerned the Aid Societies, were not pursued.

The Whitbread Report resulted in the Central Aid Society being re-constituted in October, 1936, as The National Association of Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies:

(a) to which local Societies would be invited to give a mandate for the reorganization of work in the Provinces as and when desirable,

OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN SOCIAL WORKERS

The Maxwell Committee suggested that Prison Welfare Officers should be selected irrespective of sex 'having regard to the qualifications of the applicants and the character of the prison population' and in 1955 the first post in a men's local prison was offered to a woman candidate who was unable to take it up for health reasons. Traditional prejudice against such an innovation demands not only the stamina and pioneering spirit of an Elizabeth Fry, but tact and understanding of the responsibilities of others. We hope, nevertheless, that suitably qualified and experienced women social workers will seriously consider such a challenge in a field in which we believe that their aptitudes may have a special place. Although not falling within the period of this Report it is of interest to record that the first woman Prison Welfare Officer to be appointed to a men's prison took up her duties in September 1960.

(b) to provide leadership at the centre gained through the united counsel of many in the common service of all,

(c) to retain the official link between the Aid Societies and the Prison Commissioners.

(d) to establish a body responsible for aid to persons discharged from special prisons not the responsibility of local Societies.

All certified D.P.A.S.s are required by their Constitutions to be affiliated to the National Association.

Mr. F. P. Whitbread continued as Chairman and the Rev. Martin W. Pinker (previously General Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Association of Prisoners' Aid Societies) was appointed General Secretary of the new body, a post which he held until his retirement in July, 1958. Mr. Whitbread died in October, 1941, and was succeeded by Mr. John Lees-Jones, the present Chairman. During the Second World War the Association continued its work under an Emergency Committee, being twice 'bombed out' of its offices and losing its entire records.

Although 'prisoners aid' has been subsidised from public funds for nearly a century the greater part of the cost has always been met by voluntary contributions. In contrast, the entire cost of after-care for long-term prisoners and those discharged under a statutory licence has always been accepted as a liability of the State.* Falling subscriptions have necessitated recurring appeals from the voluntary Societies for a larger Government contribution and in May, 1951, the Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mr. J. Chuter Ede) appointed a joint committee from the Prison Commission and the National Association of Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies under the Chairmanship of Sir Alexander Maxwell, G.C.B., K.B.E., to enquire into:

- (i) the parts to be played by the Societies and the State respectively in the re-establishment and welfare of discharged prisoners;
- (ii) the question of extending provision for after-care in suitable cases, and the method of making any such provision;
- (iii) the financial requirements of the work, and the principles which should govern the division of the cost as between the State and private benevolence; and
- (iv) any changes that may be required in organization and staffing, whether of the Aid Societies or in the prisons, for the more effective prosecution of the work.

Two of the N.A.D.P.A.S. representatives, Mr. J. Lees-Jones, O.B.E., J.P., and Mr. Dudley G. Ackroyd, J.P., had also served as members of the earlier Whitbread Committee. The Maxwell Report and Recommendations were accepted by Parliament in June, 1953, and are published as a White Paper "Report of the

Committee on Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies", Cmd. 8879, H.M.S.O.

The Committee recommended that in view of the material benefits now available to discharged prisoners through National Assistance and other State welfare services the Societies should, in future, devote themselves mainly to the individual after-care of selected prisoners in order to assist their rehabilitation as citizens rather than, as in the past, to provide immediate material aid on discharge. The Societies have now been relieved by the Prison Commission of the responsibility, which they previously undertook, of providing the small sums necessary to enable the prisoner to reach his home. The grants made by the Aid Societies can thus be applied to those prisoners willing and able to benefit from after-care as distinct from simple aid on discharge.

To select such prisoners and to advise the Aid Societies on the planning of constructive help for them qualified and experienced social case workers were to be appointed by the National Association as prison welfare officers at the local prisons. The previously existing welfare officers of the Societies (now known as 'After-Care Officers') would then be free for welfare work with prisoners' families and with prisoners after their release.

Public funds have now been made available to Societies holding the Secretary of State's Certificate of Efficiency to meet half their approved administrative expenditure and half the cost of clothing supplied to prisoners. The implementation of the Maxwell recommendations will be completed by the end of 1961. . . . On 19th October, 1960, an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Association modernized the Constitution to provide a smaller yet more representative governing body.

*See Annual Report of the Council of the Central After-Care Association. H.M.S.O. price 2s. 0d.

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NOTES and NEWS

MAKE IT SHORT, KEEP IT FACTUAL, AND SEND US YOUR NEWS—OTHER PEOPLE LIKE TO BE KEPT WELL-INFORMED OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING!

CHIPPENHAM. reports Peggy Wade, served tea—two husbands helping—for over 100 blind people and guides at the Annual Party for Wiltshire Blind.

MAIDSTONE. A very helpful *KENT PILOTS DAY* was held at Maidstone on February 18th. Grateful thanks to Jan Sheppard for her helpful guidance to Pilots. A Pilots Day for Sussex Pilots will be held in the autumn. This was to have been on September 23rd, but the date has had to be altered and will be notified.

[Extract from South-Eastern Region News Letter]

HAYLE. Cornwall. We have, Olive Kemp reports, just celebrated our second Birthday with a short Re-dedication Service led by our Padre, the Rev. M. Atterbury Thomas. The two-candled cake was cut by the Chairman, Mrs. Marjorie Oliver. For over a year now, on every Saturday, members have taken it in turn to visit St. Theresa's Cheshire Home at Marazion and to serve home-made cake teas there.

MARLOW JOINT BRANCH had a most interesting and informative talk from the Warden at the open Borstal at Fennemore Camp. Following this, the Branch has offered its services as and when required.

[Extract from Oxford and Thames Valley News Sheet]

HOVE BRANCH write that three friends of one of their Members have knitted 50 brightly coloured berets out of wool collected by the Branch. Each member of the local School for Mentally Handicapped children was given one for Christmas and they were worn with much pride.

DARLINGTON Men's and Women's Branches have just started a Saturday afternoon and evening Club in their rooms for boys and girls from a nearby hostel for sub-normal working youngsters who come to the town for their off-time on Saturdays. Their Superintendent hopes this will solve the problem of filling their time safely and happily as some had been easy prey to trouble-makers in coffee bars, etc. A tremendously encouraging thing about the project is that Youth Clubs in the town were asked for help and about 40 volunteers want to go on the rota!

[Extract from Northern Region News Letter]



Photograph by courtesy *AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS PARTY*
of "Eastern Daily Press"

EAST DEVON JOINT DISTRICT FESTIVAL. Just before Christmas East Devon District organized a joint Festival which was held in the Vincent Thompson Boys' S.M. School, Exeter. Approximately 300 members and friends attended. These came from East Devon, Torbay and Somerset Districts. Mr. J. MacMillan, Toc H Western Area Secretary, was the Guest Speaker. The Exeter City Police Dance Band, who so willingly came and played for dances and games, was the highlight of the evening. The band very kindly gave their services.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. In December, Countess Wear Branch held a Bazaar to raise money for flood victims. The sum of £20 has been passed over to five individual people whom they found to be in real need and had suffered badly from the floods. Countess Wear is a very small Branch and through circumstances beyond their control were at one time reduced to three members, but with hard work and drive, patience and tolerance and good spirits they have come through the darkness into the Light and now have four members, two probationers and two visitors who, they hope, will become members in due course.

SURPRISE. We in Exeter, writes Grace Wood, were given a great surprise at Christmas from Dover Toc H Women's Association

and from Sticklepath Primary School, near Okehampton, whose Head Teacher is a Toc H member. From them we received a load of toys for children who had suffered from floods. 60 families were given these toys for Christmas and all were highly delighted. It was a worthwhile job delivering these parcels and meeting the people whose homes had been devastated by floods.

Our thanks to Devon Toc H W.A. and the children of the above school.

NEW LOOK FOR "THE LOG". The members of Exeter and Countess Wear Branches would like to say how much they all enjoyed *THE LOG* this month (January-February). The cover was most inviting and made us feel we could not wait to see inside. We hope the bright colours will continue, as it helps to create interest among our members, particularly young and new people coming along.

DEREHAM. Each year, reports May Lambert, we give a real old-fashioned Christmas party to the members of the Disabled People's Club in Dereham. Toc H members provide the entertainment and arrange transport. I am sending you a photograph of the occasion—some members of the Club had to stay in their wheelchairs and so cannot all be seen. Standing at the back of the table are some of our members waiting to serve tea. (See p. 89.)

*Photograph by courtesy of ACTION STATIONS FOR CHIP-
"The Wiltshire Times" PENHAM'S TEA TO THE BLIND*



TOFTWOOD. On January 4th, 1961, writes Muriel Goodall, the members of Toftwood gave a party to the old people of the Toftwood Happy Companions Club. Most of the entertainment was done by Toc H members and the enclosed photograph (see below) is of Toftwood Tin Band instrumentalists. We have given the party now for three years—our Branch is only four years' old. To raise the money for this party we sang carols for the three days before Christmas.

WELWYN. We wonder, writes Anne Fletcher, how many other Branches have had such an exciting year in the way of celebrations. We started this Branch year by a wedding—that of our Treasurer (last year's Central Councillor) Edna Davies. This was followed two months later by an 80th birthday. The news of this notable birthday was a great surprise as Mrs. Holmes is our Secretary and looks much younger. A further two months saw a Golden Wedding—of our founder member Jess Sharp. Both she and her husband were members at the start of Welwyn Garden Branches. We celebrated this event with a social gathering when Mr. and Mrs. Sharp took Light together. The men's

*Photograph by courtesy of
"Dereham and Fakenham Times"*

TOFTWOOD TIN BAND

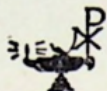


Branch joined us and we all thought of others less fortunate than ourselves and took a collection for the Congo relief fund.

TETTENHALL (Woden District), writes Amy Thomson, wishes to record that one of their members has received her Silver Badge for donating 25 pints of her blood through the National Blood Transfusion Service and to remind others how vital is this service to our hospitals.

DERSINGHAM, writes Florence Wells, are making fifty gay material bags for leprosy patients in which they may keep their treasures. For this the Branch are using part of their share of the proceeds from carol singing. They are also sending £10 to pay for the the medical care of their "adopted" leper boy—he is their eleventh "adoption". Six blankets knitted by the members are also being sent to the Leper Colony. In all, the combined Branches of Dersingham collected £32 15s. 6d. carol singing this Christmas—the men sent their share to Cancer Research Funds and the women are using theirs for BELRA.

“WE WILL REMEMBER”



MRS. LARGE— <i>Builder (Bournemouth)</i> .	—9.52—	11.60
MARIAN MUNDAY— <i>Builder (Streatham)</i> .	4.4.60—	20.12.60
A. G. GODBER— <i>Builder (Stayne)</i> .	22.4.58—	1.61
E. M. FIELD— <i>Sherborne</i> .	30.3.31—	29.10.60
REBECCA TITMAN— <i>Spalding</i> .	21.1.51—	28.1.61
DOROTHY E. COLLETT— <i>Sudbury</i> .	18.3.29—	9.60
ESMIE LUMBERT— <i>Builder (Goldthorn Park)</i> .		6.5.58—18.1.61
HANNAH (NANCY) ABBOTT— <i>Cockermouth</i>		16.11.59—16.1.61
ELIZABETH (BESSIE) KENNETT. <i>Felpham</i> —	3.8.54—	27.1.61
M. GILLIES— <i>Builder (Sherborne)</i> .	2.2.60—	26.1.61
MARGARET RITCHIE— <i>Carlin How</i> .	31.3.60—	12.60
NELLIE KEEPING— <i>Milford on Sea</i> .	29.9.44—	28.1.61
A. (NANCY) WILLIAMS— <i>Barry</i> .	16.10.50—	4.1.61
ROSEMARY SHRIMPTON— <i>West Central</i> .	15.12.30—	22.2.61
M. NICHOLSON. <i>Builder (St Annes-on-Sea)</i> .		8.5.58—14.12.60
ELLA RICHARDSON— <i>Seaford</i> .	20.5.52—	27.1.61
MARY CHURCHILL— <i>Altrincham</i> .	5.3.45—	17.1.61
GERTRUDE WALKER— <i>Skegness</i> .	7.7.39—	15.12.60
JESSIE HULL— <i>Builder (Southill)</i> .	9.2.59—	7.10.60
FLORENCE GOSLING— <i>Manchester</i> .	14.10.55—	13.3.61
HELEN HARTILL— <i>Codsall</i> .	14.2.58—	11.2.61

"To Give Sight To Another"

The following lines appeared in the South Eastern Regional Newsletter of March, 1961, just over a note that Bessie Kennett of Felpham Branch, who had passed away in January, had bequeathed her eyes "to help give sight to another."

On CORNEAL GRAFTING

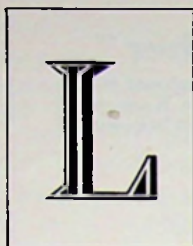
*When I shall die, 'twill be as though the light
of Dawn will break to pierce the grieving night
of death. No death, indeed, for me.
Through other eyes, made whole by mine, I'll see.
Through other eyes reject my final pain
And start upon the March of Time again.
How sweet to know that as I give up breath
This miracle will prove—there is no death.
And one, at least, whom I shall leave behind,
Need never know the darkness of the blind.*

Denise Robins

MINDOLA. The collection (£12 9s. 0d.) at the Service of Thanksgiving in All Hallows Church, before the Central Council, was given to the United Society for Christian Literature for their work in Mindola. Here in North Rhodesia in the Copper Belt is Africa's first Ecumenical Foundation for conference, study and research. Here too is the all-Africa Literary and Writing Centre, whose aim is to bring there, to a writers' workshop, those Africans whose talent is to write of Christian values in their vernacular, for the dialects of Rhodesia are many. Those selected for this work are given scholarships and grants in aid, for it is often necessary that they give up their original work.

The United Society for Christian Literature also sponsors books in the vernacular in other countries, such as Persia, India, Ceylon and the countries of South East Asia.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL invited representatives of National Voluntary Associations to an informal tea-time conference on February 28th. The Associations represented were Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, the National Association of Round Tables, the National Associations of Ladies' Circles, the Federation of Soroptomist Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland, the Association of Inner Wheel Clubs, the Women's Voluntary Service, Toc H and the Women's Association and the Lions International Association. The conference was called to discuss a more effective integration for service between these Associations. The problems of communication with each other, with the public, and with those in need of help were considered, and it was decided to plan for another meeting in the early summer to forward these concerns.



LETTERS—

Thrills of the Festival “Log”

1st Thrill The vivid new Cover of THE LOG setting a bright seal on its contents.

2nd Thrill. ‘Picture Album’ bringing right into our presence Miss Macfie and Miss Jean Perry.

3rd Thrill—greatest of all—the beautiful and radiant photographs of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and her Talk to us in the Royal Albert Hall.

4th Thrill. Miss Mary Trevelyan’s delightful Talk to us on “Adventure” and its deeper meaning. How nice to have it in print!

Other Thrills. Records of the Family Gathering, “the Masque of Life”, “The Blankets of Britain”—by no means forgetting your own Editor’s Challenge on page 1, and our own local paragraph ‘notes on Max Jaffa Concert last October’.

This Log burns with brightness and warmth. I’m ordering 6 more copies to give to friends.

E.M.F.
(Poole)

(Many thank-yous! —Editor.)

C.A.B.

DEAR EDITOR.

I read with considerable interest the article “What Shall I Do” by Miss K. M. Oswald in the March/April, 1960, issue of THE LOG.

Miss Oswald referred to the possible establishment of a Citizens’ Advice Bureau in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. On the 4th August, 1960, this became a reality.

Mrs. Veronica Weeks, of the National C.A.B. in Britain, spent six months in Rhodesia establishing the project and, when she left, not only was the first Bureau in Southern Africa operating at 15a Baker Avenue, Salisbury, but plans were under way to open Bureaux in Harare and Highfield (both African Townships near Salisbury) and Bulawayo.

Several potential voluntary workers (both European and African) underwent an intensive training course to equip them for this project, in a spirit of friendliness and co-operation. Several members of the Toc H Women's Association were among them and we are all, now, fully fledged members of both Movements.

The Bureau in Baker Avenue has been operating, with an increased number of enquirers, since last August. It is staffed by a full-time Organizing Secretary and an African Assistant Organizing Secretary, helped by volunteers who give their services on a roster basis. Our Branch in Harare opened in December and the response there has been more than gratifying. The Bulawayo office is due to open on February 1st, and it is hoped, in time, that our activities will spread throughout the Federation.

The Chairman of our Committee is the very able Mr. D. A. Etheredge, Chairman of Toc H Central Africa. Under his guidance the Toc H and C.A.B. movements in Salisbury should go from strength to strength.

M. JONES

(Chairman, Salisbury District Team)

Stage Coach

DEAR EDITOR,

Our Branch have read the January/February LOG and were very interested in the stage coach journey which Jersey suggested. It sounds a wonderful game to play and it will be wonderful to be in direct contact with another Branch about whom we know nothing, a splendid way of bringing the Family together. May we join please?

KATHLEEN MALT
(Oldham)

(Yes, indeed, POOLE want to play! So will you write straight away to the Secretary, Mrs. B. Martin, 45 Berkeley Avenue, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset—Editor.)

Overseas and Here

DEAR EDITOR,

I was glad to get THE LOG the other day, all the more because after two operations on my eyes. I am now seeing well enough to read it for myself. I always like the Overseas News, I've been to a good many parts of the world and spent 8 years, which covered the Second World War in South Africa. While in Durban I helped, for nearly 4 years, the work of the Anglican Mission to coloured people.

For your records as perhaps Helen Benbow herself has already told you, it was I who became General Secretary after Mrs. Shields resigned. I was appointed in December, 1929, with Helen as my Assistant Secretary. This lasted for over 3 years, when I travelled the British Isles and Helen took over as General Secretary. This lasted until I was appointed to be Warden of York House, Felling, when of course I resigned from the L.W.H. Staff.

MARGARET HALLILEY
(Heathfield)

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**from 5th-12th August, 1961
and 12th-19th August, 1961**

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